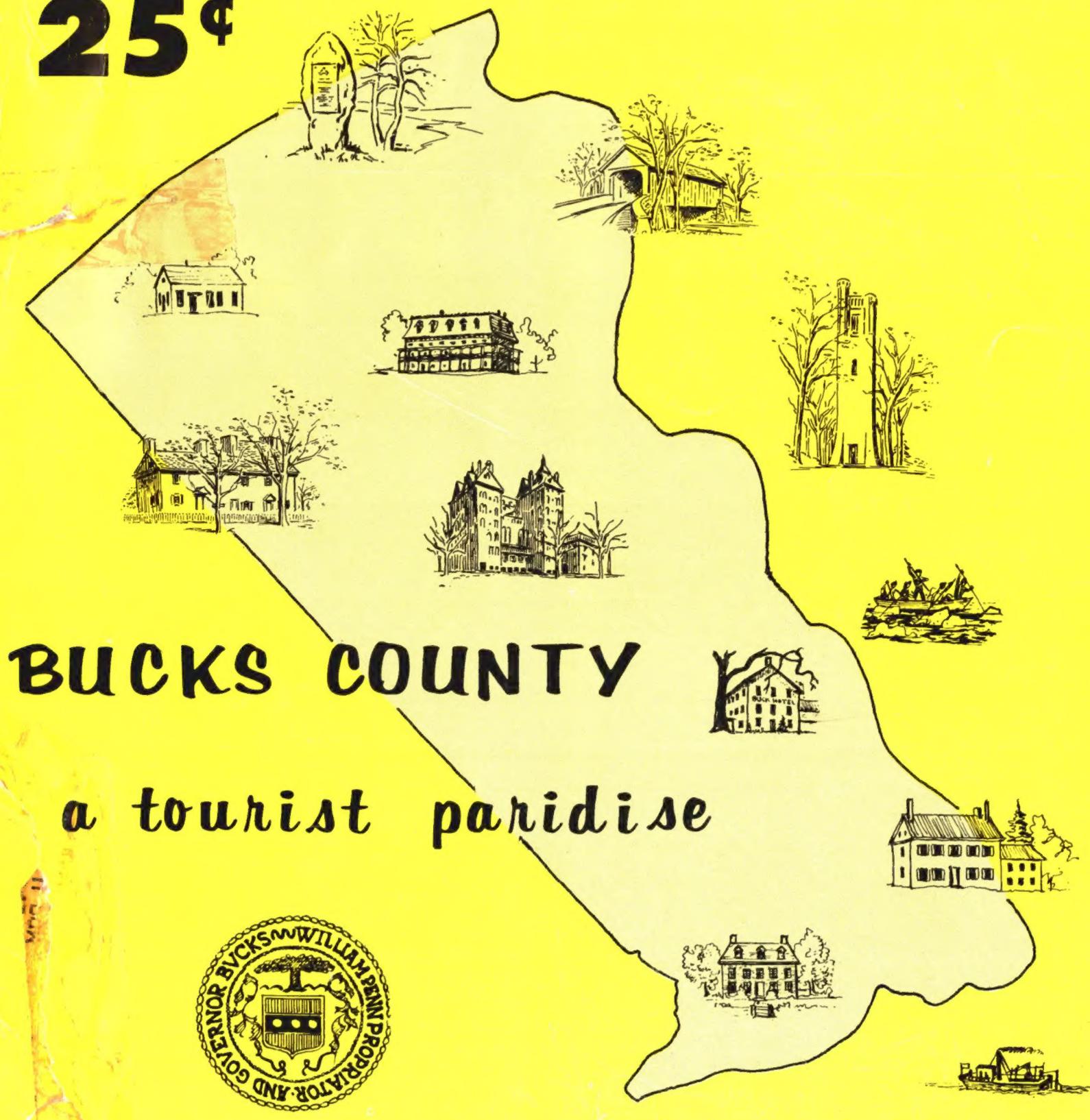


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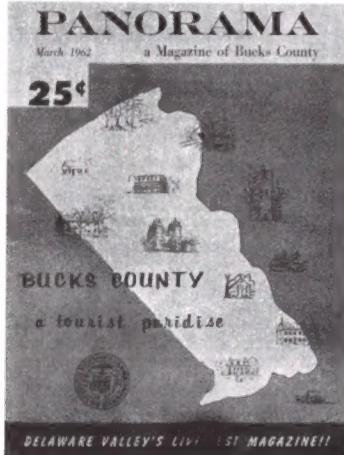
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OUR COVER

With the tourist season starting to get underway, our cover shows a few of the many historic spots that tourists, and residents alike, will be visiting.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

THE AUTHOR MEETS A CRITIC

These are troubled times. Times when sound and serious judgement must be given all world and local problems by our leaders. One bit of mistaken judgement on the part of anyone of our leaders could mean disaster for us all. In other words, we need experienced leadership now, more than at any other time in our history.

Politics are funny, for it seems that even "at the brink," well meaning, but unqualified persons attempt to attain high office. Political parties "grabbing for straws", accept such a person as a candidate not because they are qualified, not because they are experienced, but because they have *a popular and well known name*.

Such is the case now facing the electorate in Bucks County. The Democratic party, after making many attempts to get a man the 8th district seat in Washington have nominated a former son, who stops in Bucks County between books to relax, to their candidate for the Congress of the United States. We are, once referring to James Michener of Hawaii, The South Pacific, Mexico, and sometimes Tinicum.

We are a fan of Mr. Michener's. We loved his books. His writing style has gained him world acclaim, including the Pulitzer Prize. Even though he is seldom in Bucks County, we are proud that he has a home here and lived here as a boy.

However, because a man is a good plumber, does it go that will make a good carpenter? The same analogy holds true. Michener the writer v.s. Michener the possible congress-

In 1960, Michener "entered" politics for the purpose of material for a book (Report of the County Chairman) he chairman of the Citizens of Bucks County for Ken-

nedy and Johnson. Unfortunately, (or fortunately) he could not find enough Bucks County citizens who would enter "The New Frontier" by choice, and Kennedy lost Bucks County.

While conducting the ballyhoo for the K&J ticket in Bucks, Mr. Michener (notebook in hand for the future book) was unable to cast a ballot in Bucks for "his team" as he was registered in Hawaii. Mr. Michener has been away from Bucks so long that he has lost contact with the people who he is now "cultivating" so he can represent them in Congress next January.

His opponent, Willard S. Curtin, the present congressman representing Bucks and Lehigh Counties is now in his third term. Mr. Curtin has been serving the people of his district well. Former Bucks County District Attorney, and Bucks County Lawyer, Mr. Curtin has handled his job in Washington with great devotion. He is interested in his constituents, and how they feel on top issues of the day. His annual questionnaire sent to every voter brings 20 to 30 thousands replies each year. Mr. Curtin's votes on the key issues of congress are based on how the folks he is representing feel about the issue.

Mr. Willard S. Curtin has proved himself a most able congressman. Mr. Michener has proved himself a most able author. We suggest that perhaps Mr. Michener ought to concentrate on better scripts for his TV shows, and let a more qualified man represent the people in the congress of The U.S.

The voters of Bucks and Lehigh counties have only one basic question they have to answer before November . . . that is "Do we cast our ballot for a 'famous name with no background,' or do we cast a ballot for a man who has proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that he is the best qualified and experienced man for the job?"

Remember, if all voters cast a ballot for a well known theatrical or literary name, (as some do every election), Dick Tracy or Mickey Mouse would be elected President by a landslide.

"A Choice of One"

By the time this note appears, the slate of officials to run in the this falls campaign have no doubt already been selected. We feel we should comment on what has been the great bone of contention during the past few months. That of a "compromise candidate," to avoid a primary election battle.

Both parties are plagued with this problem, and all are trying to avoid a "primary fight". We have one question. Of what use are primary elections other than a chance for the people to select from several candidates the man that they feel should represent their political party in the November election. Today, granted it costs a lot of money to run any campaign, but with the selections being made in the now famous "smoke filled rooms", primaries are merely a word, and have lost all their meaning. All we do is go to the polls and "rubber stamp" our o.k. on the organization man. Isn't this something like a Russian election? You have a choice of one!

This country was founded on rule by the people, and yet each day we drift further and further away from this principal. Let's decide for ourselves who we want to represent our party in November and not who the politicians in Harrisburg or "Motor Lodges" want.

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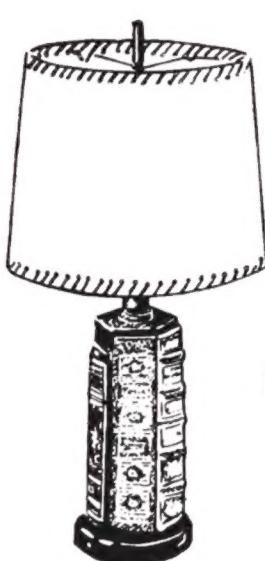
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Bucks County may some day become a port, if the study now being undertaken by the Bucks County Port Feasibility Study Committee proves it worthwhile. Chairman WILLIAM C. HENWOOD and secretary GORDON EXLEY 2d, are leading the group in a study to see if Bucks County should have port facilities and if so, how they would be obtained.

WALT REIFF of the Doylestown Kiwanis Club reminds us that when we feel like criticizing the younger generation, just remember who raised them!

Congressman WILLARD S. CURTIN has announced the appointment of WILLIAM DOUGLAS BOOTH, Ivyland, Pa., as first Alternate to the United States Military Academy.

The Doylestown Lions Club is sponsoring a "Tour of Historic Doylestown" for tourists and "home folks" on May 26.

Dr. THOMAS RICHIE of Lahaska has been appointed official physician of the Midway Fire Company according to HERMAN STOTZ.

Herman also tells us that RICHARD STOVER of Buckingham was elected President of the company for his fifth term. Other officers installed were — Vice-President, CHARLES RUSHTON; Secretary, HERMAN STOTZ; Treasurer, ERNEST KEYSER, Financial Secretary, ALLEN COSNER; Trustee ROBERT RUSHTON; and Chief, WATSON LAKE. Assistants to the chief CLARENCE HAMPTON and GEORGE DAVIS were appointed by Chief Lake. FRANK H. LAKE was appointed captain of the fire police.

WILLIAM KELLIE was recently elected President of the Central Bucks Chapter of the National Honor Society. Other officers elected included: STEVEN BELL, vice-president, BETH HISTAND, secretary, and ROBERTA MOWERY, program chairman.

A committee was drafted for the induction of new members in the spring. Members of this committee are BARBARA ROUSE, JOYCE CERVILLI, ELAINE LIGHT, JUDY GUSTAFSON, JUANITA ANDRE, BARBARA KOHL, KATHLEEN KOHELIE, DORIS WOLFORD, SANDY BOND, and KATHIE EYRE.

A Danboro man offers this definition of a Highbrow: A person who can listen to the William Tell Overture without thinking of the Lone Ranger . . .

REGINALD D. FORBES, associate professor of English at Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture, Doylestown, has been elected a Fellow of the Society of American Foresters in recognition of his outstanding service to forestry. He was one of forty-eight men nominated in this year's biennial election and was one of thirteen elected. Mr. Forbes, in addition to his teaching duties in English, conducts the woodlot management course at the College.

A belated Happy Birthday to JOSEPH BECK and NICK CHUBB.

Wedding Anniversary Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. AL LICHTMAN and Mr. & Mrs. ED LYNCH.

Among the 58 Boy Scouts and Explorers of the Bucks County Council, B.S.A. who were presented with the Eagle Scout Badge on February 11 were these local boys: RUSSELL P. BARRETT, Doylestown; GENE P. NUSS, Warrington; DENNIS BROWN, Doylestown; GARY N. CLIME, New Britain; JAY H. STOVER, Fountainville; C. MORRELL BROWN, Jr., Doylestown; JAMES KENTOPP, Doylestown; FRED CLIME, New Britain; and MERLE ALDERFER, Silverdale.

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pointment of five young men to the United States Air Force Academy. Among them is CHARLES HARRY BRISCOE, 345 Linden Avenue, Doylestown. Briscoe is a 1961 Central Bucks H.S. graduate and is presently attending Citadel in Charleston, S.C.

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Fourteen members of the Central Bucks Joint High School band and orchestra have been awarded the distinction of membership in the 1962 All-Bux-Mont Band. They are: GREG BRADFORD and JIM PURDY, tuba; PAUL HOCKMAN, trumpet; DON WICKERSHAM, TOM NEWTON, FAITH BICKLEY, and RAY FOX, clarinet; JEANNE LONGSTREET, alto clarinet; DAVE CHANTELLEAU, baritone horn; MARILYN KROUT, GWYN CLARKE, flute; DAWN McNALLY, French horn; JOHN BISHOP, snare drums; and ROYCE SHADDINGER, baritone sax. The 130 piece band selects its players annually from ten high schools in the Bux-Mont League. This year's concert will be at the Souderton High School on Saturday, March 17.

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PETER P. POLLONI, of Wycombe, has been appointed Executive Director of the Bucks County Association for Retarded Children and the Bucks County Sheltered Workshops. Mr. Polloni will supervise and coordinate the many programs within the Association that serve the retarded of Bucks County. Mr. Polloni is pastor of the Baptist Church at Wycombe.

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Mrs. ANNA L. ANDES, Assistant Extension Home Economist in Bucks County since June, 1960, has been transferred to Delaware County. Dr. RUSSELL E. LARSON, Director, Agricultural and Home Economics Extension Service of the Pennsylvania State University, says she will be in charge of the adult and 4-H home-making programs in the county.

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JUDY DAVIS, Central Bucks High School junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. FRED DAVIS of Doylestown, has just been elected president of the Southeastern Region of the Future Teachers of America.

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More congratulations to VI & BILL BENKERT on their 3d anniversary as owners of the Farm House, here in town.

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DOYLESTOWN'S JOHN MITCHELL, Sergeant State Police recently retired from his post. Sgt. Mitchell served more than 24 years with the State Police with a wonderful record. His most recent assignment has been in command of the Quakertown sub-station of the State Police.

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Bucks High School teacher and also in charge of PR release releases from the school, recently received a Master of Education degree from Temple University.

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DID YOU KNOW??? The Bucks County Department of Health recently reported that in Bucks County, 33% of all restaurants fail during their first year, and at the end of 5 years, 80% have either changed hands or gone out of business. It's a very competitive field. Perhaps if we all ate out once in awhile, or more often than we do, we not only would help Bucks County's Restaurants, but give ourselves a better break from the kitchen. It's always a treat to eat out, why don't you and the family try it this week.

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SPEAKING OF EATING OUT, we are happy to report that ANNA & KARL HORNIKEL have returned from their annual winter trip south to New Orleans, and all parts of Florida, and are again at the Countryside Inn, always a favorite spot for Central County dining, is again featuring Pennsylvania Dutch nite every Wednesday. This is a chance to try some of the "wonderful good" Pennsylvania Dutch dishes.

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CAMPING ANYONE? The Bucks County Park Board announces that it is now booking reservations for the small cabins at Tohickon Valley Park near Point Pleasant. If you and the family want to "get away from it all" and still be near home, why not call the Park Board and get the full story. Their number is FI 8-2911, Ext. 305.

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OUR GOOD FRIEND BOB HEINLE and wife Julia, have opened a bakery and coffee shop on Route 263 (York Road), Jamison. Stop in and say hello next time you're in the area.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to these local folks: DR. MANNING B. SMITH, MORMAN H. MARTIN and DICK LINSENMAIER. ANNIVERSARY Greetings to MR. & MRS. CHARLES CATHERS, DR. & MRS. HARRY HOESCH, MR. & MRS. RAY HOPKINS, and MR. & MRS. DON McCLINTOCK.

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HOWARD ELLIS, who has been under the weather recently, is feeling much better. You just can't keep a "tiger" like Howard down very long!

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ROBERT L. WALTER III, formerly of Doylestown, and now a resident of Ottsville has recently been appointed an agent for The Allstate Insurance Company, with local headquarters at The Sears Store in the Doylestown Shopping Center. Stop by and say hello to Bob.

It has been brought to our attention that we erred in last month's issue. The Men of Tohickon, a men's club in Point Pleasant is still in operation, and the Tohickon Lions Club does not replace it.

SPEAKING of the Tohickon Lions Club, they will hold their Charter Nite in conjunction with the 35th anniversary of the sponsoring club, The Souderton Lions Club, on April 7, 1962 at The Perkasie Owls Club, opposite Menlo Park in Perkasie.

HAROLD PO'NCET at Doylestown Agricultural Company tells us of the two day annual OPEN HOUSE celebration, to be held this year on South Main Street, Doylestown (The former Cadillac showrooms). The Open House will be held Tuesday March 13th and Wednesday, March 14th. There will be equipment displays, films, factory men, and of course the ever popular refreshments. Circle the date on your calendar, now, and we'll see you there!

CONGRATULATIONS to Chalfont's WILLIAM BURNS who recently made the Dean's List at Pennsylvania State University. Keep up the good work, Bill!

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An Editor Reminiscences

by C. Norman Detweiler



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Second edition of hither to unpublished "News in the Raw," or "English as She is Spoke" by contributing country correspondents. All items are real, as is, only names have been changed to protect the innocent. Here goes, with more "Bucks County Chuckles:"

It was a sad accident in the quarry on Saturday when the derrick or something busted. Peter Porter was killed of near Smoketown. He lived only a few minutes after he was killed.

Milton Shore has a cowbuckle on his neck which is quite sore also with blood poison. The doctor is looking at it.

Mark Boom fell from his bike and hurt a little his neck. He went down a hill and it threw him. He was lucky yet.

Mrs. Roland Rouse has been called to serve on the jury, the first lady in our immediate neighborhood for several years. She will go to and from with her husband every day who is engaged in the County Seat.

Mrs. Webster Winch underwent an operation of obstruction in the nose which was very painful in a city hospital.

The pupils of the grammer school are having this week a vacation on account of the teacher is sick. She will have to keep a week longer than the others.

Charlie Chrissen was almost in an accident the other day when a drunk came zigzagging down the road and just about came against him. But Charlie thought quick and severed his car to one side and so didn't have no collision. People what drink hadn't oughta drive.

Wilmer Willson and Emily Ericsson were married on Saturday. After a honeymoon in the Poconos they will live at the home of the bride's prayers.

While Joe Joes was away from home only about two hours, some sneaky thieves broke in his house and made everything upsidedown. They found in a trunk 700 dollars and a little over a dollar in a drawer. They took the money along with nothing else.

Catherine Mills had the misfortune to hurt an ankle and is laid up nursing it.

Our cigarmakers who work in the cigar factory had a few days off on account of the boiler busted.

Route 32....

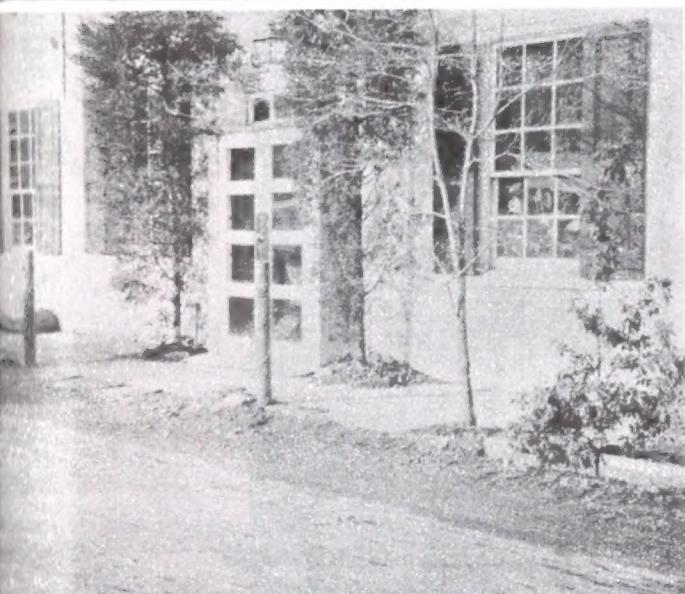
Riverside.....



.....or Suicide?

by

Roger H. Conduit



Originating in Kintnersville and stretching south to Morrisville, some 39½ miles, is a highway referred to by the State Highway Department as T.R. 32; and, to the communities which it services, it is better known as River Road.

River Road, certainly an apt name for the roadway that borders the eastern most fringes of the Commonwealth, and therefore, also borders the picturesque Delaware River.

Gaze at a map and you find that a trip along this route would take you through towns with such unique names as Erwinna, Tinicum, Point Pleasant, Center Bridge, and of course, New Hope. And, let's not forget that one place where the entire history of the United States took on a brighter look as a commanding general turned the tide of a war, Washington's Crossing.

Now, let's take an automobile trip down this scenic route, and it is truly that. The gradual erosion of the Delaware River down through the ages has gifted this valley with some of the finest natural beauty in the country. Jutting palisades, rolling country hillsides, the his-

toric Delaware Canal, and the many canyonlike creekbeds emptying into the broad river create a panoramic view that attracts millions of people every year. Attracts them to an area that has fast become the largest tourist mecca in the state.

However, taking an automobile trip down this scenic route also means taking your life into your own hands because you are forced to use a route that has as many unbelievable driving hazards as it does scenic wonders.

You will meet oncoming cars at places where the road is only a little more than thirteen feet wide. Considering that an average automobile is between six and seven feet wide, this does not leave much room for clearance.

You continue on through this obstacle safely and feel yourself to be a gifted driver; when, all of a sudden, you are faced with a blind corner. Not just an ordinary corner, but one which is so sharp that it is impossible to see whether another car is coming toward you regardless of which way you are traveling. And, just to make things even more interesting,

Pictured on this page are some of the hazards the motorist encounters on Route 32. (Top to bottom), The famous "blind corner" at Philips Mill; the entrance to a Lumberville hotel right on highway (note passing auto at left); broken guard rails near Center Bridge; Bottom photo shows the narrow roadway and lack of shoulders. Car in photo is driving on his side of yellow centerline. Photo below shows where guard rail has been knocked down by auto, and a PDH saw horse is "protecting traffic from the canal.

(Panorama staff photos)



there are stone buildings along each side of the road which means that there is absolutely no place for you to go if you are unfortunate to meet the inevitable, another car traveling in the opposite direction. To navigate this masterpiece of road planning, you stop short, take a deep breath, and inch your way forward until you are either through the turn or must back up to let someone else through.

Through at last, you come upon a fairly long stretch of roadway between sixteen and seventeen feet wide, and decide to speed things up just a bit. In fact, you muster up sufficient courage to increase your speed to a monumental forty miles per hour. While traveling along at this fantastic rate, your companion begins to enjoy the beauty of the landscape when suddenly, she gasps! Is she awed with the splendor of the scenic wonders? No! She has just made the mistake of looking at the guard rails which are supposed to help stop the car if something drastic happens. She sees that they are not strong enough to stop a bicycle, much less the car.

Now it is not suggested that everyone driving in this area eventually goes into the guard rails; but, what would happen if it did become necessary to go off the road? The answer is simple. The guard rails would not hold and the car would wind up in the historic Delaware Canal. What makes this situation even more deplorable is the fact that you find these same type of guard rails along the entire length of the highway.

These flagrant conditions are not the exception, they are the rule. You will find others such as roadway which is so rough that it is impossible to navigate at a speed in excess of twenty

miles per hour, a hotel with its entrance so close to the roadside that the patrons stop in the middle of the road to discharge their passengers, and homes that are situated so that in order to enter or leave them you must go into the path of traffic. There are certainly many more examples, but by now, you have undoubtedly gotten the point.

Some time ago, the school board for the New Hope — Solebury System, along with other public officials in that township, boarded a School Bus and traveled that part of the roadway which is contained within the school district. It was their decision that the road was far too dangerous for a bus containing school children. Therefore, from that day on, they have prohibited school busses from using River Road. If you live in Doylestown, this means little more to you than to emphasize a very poor situation. However, if you are a parent that is unfortunate enough to live along this road, it means your child must walk to one of the too few pick up points or you must take him all the way into New Hope. (Can you imagine young children walking along the sides of this particular road?)

Now, let us take a look at another end result of fantastic road conditions. *In just one township* which is serviced by Route 32, there were twenty five reported accidents on that highway during a twelve month period. Remember, this is just the number of reported accidents. It is safe to assume that there were at least that many that were not reported for one reason or another. Assuming this, you can deduct that there is an average of one accident per week on River Road. It would be interesting to com-

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Pictured on this page are hazards met by motorists on Route 32. These photos, courtesy New Hope Gazette show, (top to bottom) a car that zoomed off the road and into the Thompson home in Center Bridge, knocking phone pole "galley west"; A wrecker attempting to pull out tanker from canal was pulled back into canal injuring New Hope committeeman LeRoy Cooper. Bottom photo shows front part of tank truck where it sat after sliding into canal. (Cinders were placed on icy road after incident.) At left, the Gazette tells us "A south-bound sports car scared motorist off the narrow road at twilight."





OLD TAVERN SIGNS IN BUCKS COUNTY

by

ROY C. KULP

Panorama Historical Editor

The tavern sign was a symbol of warmth and hospitality to the weary traveler of colonial America.

Many unusual and eccentric signs hung from the Colonial Taverns that stood along the many cross roads and paths here in Pennsylvania a century and more ago.

It is believed that Pennsylvania undoubtedly, during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, had more inns than any other state in America, and many of these still are hotels of the twentieth century. However, many of these have been altered into dwellings.

The reason for so many inns in Pennsylvania is quite apparent. Throughout the Colonial Era, the thousands upon thousands of adventurous people passing up and down the middle Atlantic states had to pass through Pennsylvania where many early taverns were built to accommodate these pioneers.

Bucks County had many of these early taverns, and the many different painted signs

boards that hung at each tavern have disappeared, only a few having been preserved and may be found in the Bucks County Historical Society's museum.

Historians tell us that in the olden times when relatively few people could neither read nor write, taverns and their signboards played an important role in the rural areas of the country.

The Sign of the Cross Keys
The Cross Keys Inn, located a mile north of Doylestown, on the old Easton Road, (Route 611) is one of the oldest taverns in Central Bucks County. The Cross Keys are the Arms of the Papal See of Rome, the emblem of Peter and his successors.

Early Doylestown Tavern Signs

More than half a century ago, the well known local historian, W. W. H. Davis wrote an interesting article about the early inns of Doylestown . . . "of the six licensed houses at Doylestown almost ninety years

ago (Circa 1800) four no longer exist. They were the "Snip" the "Fox Chase" and the "Mansion House." They stood on three of the four corners where State and Main Streets cross. The "Fox Chase" being represented by the present day Fountain House, its

descendant. The "Ship" at the southeast corner of State and Main Streets, occupying the site of the Lenape Building erected in 1874, was the oldest of the group. The "Fox Chase" now the Fountain House was one of the several names attached to this Colonial Inn.



An Englishman who traveled through the western part of Pennsylvania at Bedford in 1807, described the tavern in that frontier village: "The scene in the tavern was, to me, truly novel. It was a large, half finished log house, with no apparent accommodations for any traveler who had not his own bed and blanket. It was surrounded on the outside by wagons and horses; and inside the whole floor was so filled with people sleeping, wrapped in their blankets round a large fire, that there was no such thing as approaching it to get warm until some of the travelers who had awoke at our entrance went out to feed their horses, after doing which they returned, drank whiskey under the name of bitters, and resumed their beds on the floor — singing, laughing, joking, romping and apparently as happy as possible."

Service at country inns often was very indifferent until the traveler had satisfied the curiosity of his host as to vital statistics, business, home and destination. It is related that Benjamin Franklin was accustomed, on arriving at an inn, to assemble the innkeeper

and all his family and servants, and address them after this fashion: "Worthy people, I am Benjamin Franklin of Philadelphia, by trade a printer, and a bachelor. I have some relatives in Boston to whom I am going to make a visit. My stay will be short and I shall then return and follow my business, as a prudent man ought to. This is all I know of myself and all I can possibly inform you of. I beg, therefore, that you will have pity on me and my horse and give us both refreshment."

With the coming of railroads, after 1840, most inns gradually passed out of existence. A few of the better ones, especially those near towns, became hotels. Some fine old inns, renovated and modernized, now give service to travelers arriving by automobile. But the stage coaches which once drew up at their doors, with a great cracking of whips and blowing of horns, are no more.

Most of the early tavern signs were painted by local carriage and sign painters, receiving only a dollar or two for their work, depending on the generosity of the inn keeper.

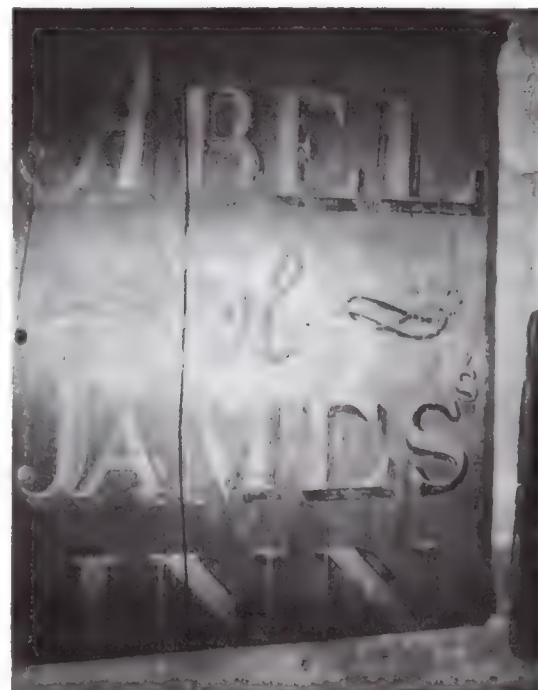
One of the most famous of these sign painters lived here in Bucks County, and is considered today one of America's greatest artists of the nineteenth century — Edward Hicks, the Quaker Minister of Newtown.

Hicks began his career as a sign painter, and later painted some local scenes and the now famous "Peaceable Kingdom." Many of his paintings are now valued in the thousands of dollars.

The tavern sign is a part of our history and heritage. Perhaps the present neon lights will some day be replaced by the old colorful wood tavern signs, that once was the symbol of rest and hospitality for the weary traveler.



All of the signs pictured are authentic and are on display at The Historical Society in Doylestown, except the one above, recently hung at The Neshaminy Hotel. Note inscription at bottom of photo.





John Fitch--

Inventor

BY

DAVID LEVENTHAL

Pardon me sir, but could you tell me the name of this town?

What's that you say? Bardstown? Bardstown, Kentucky.

Thank you kindly, but you misjudge me. I'm not old, nay, only beaten. Yes I'm John Fitch and I'm a beaten man, but Lord it's taken many a year for me to come to that conclusion. Yet, if I'd been honest with myself, I'd have known it for a long, long time.

There was that day in Philadelphia, in August of 1787. What a glorious day that was to be; the maiden trip of my first full-sized steamboat. Those do-nothings those who'd never originated anything but invective, all those who had called me insane crowded the wharves, expecting failure. But her steam came up, those mighty paddles reached out into the water, and she moved. Yes, majestically she moved, like the queen she truly was on that day.

All the members of the state assembly and the convention who were present for the occasion agreed that I'd conquered all arguments against steam power. Surely the world was my oyster. Had I only seen more clearly and guessed that someone had stolen the meat from beneath the shell.

As I walked back into the crowds I could see them pointing at me and jeering. Yes, jeering. Even with success they laughed in my face saying, "There goes that crazy John Fitch".

Later I heard that Washington had gone to Robert Morris' farm, The Hills, for dinner and then across the Schuylkill to the Powell's summer home for tea. The man I'd served in the war against England and he went to tea rather than see my triumph. Here was the first steamboat in the history of man and he wasn't interested in such "mechanical contrivances".

I recall my youthful sea adventures. Would that I had known the heartbreak to come later; I'd have stayed a sailor. Or, perhaps I'd have retained one of the positions I held after leaving the sea. Life as a clockmaker or a brass founder is livable.

Ah, how history arranges events to alter our lives. Be-times we see them coming, but usually refuse to acknowledge it. Not I though. Ah no, not I.

I'd been established as a silversmith in Trenton for but a short spell when the Revolution broke out. Shortly after, John Fitch silversmith became John Fitch gunsmith. My fortune appeared to be made.

The redcoats took the city in the fall of '76, costing me upwards of 3000 pounds. They confiscated my property, destroyed my tools, and forced me to flee the city leaving all behind.

Upon taking my leave of Trenton, I joined General Washington and his troops. Indeed, they made me an officer with the first company from Trenton and a company officer in that sterling band that wintered at Valley Forge. After the war I moved west for a few years.

Hey there young fella, how long've you been standing there listening to the ravings of an old man?

No, I haven't been drinking, although I suppose I should. No, I'm just musing over my life, such as it was.

Say there boy, have you ever heard of the steamboat?

What? Fulton? Fulton you say? Now you listen and listen close son. No! Don't run off, don't be afraid. I won't shout again. Please come back and listen to me . . . Why will no one listen to me? Am I still thought mad? Things were not always like this.

I recall returning to Warminster, Pennsylvania, early in 1785. There I first conceived the idea of harnessing steam power for the benefit of man.

Heh, I remember how I tried to concoct a feasible land carriage and had to give up the idea. Faith, but the roads were too rough and uncared for to permit such a vehicle to pass.

During April of that year, I devised a steam powered boat and took my drawings to show a friend, the Rev. Mr. Irwin of Nashamony. I recall how vexed I was when he showed me a book called . . . I believe it was Martin's Philosophy . . . which contained a description of a steam engine. I'd never seen this description or anything like it, and it disturbed me greatly. However, upon reflection, I realized that the article showed, almost to a certainty, that the machinery I had contrived would provide a driving force for my craft.

After much thought I decided to use paddle wheels as the

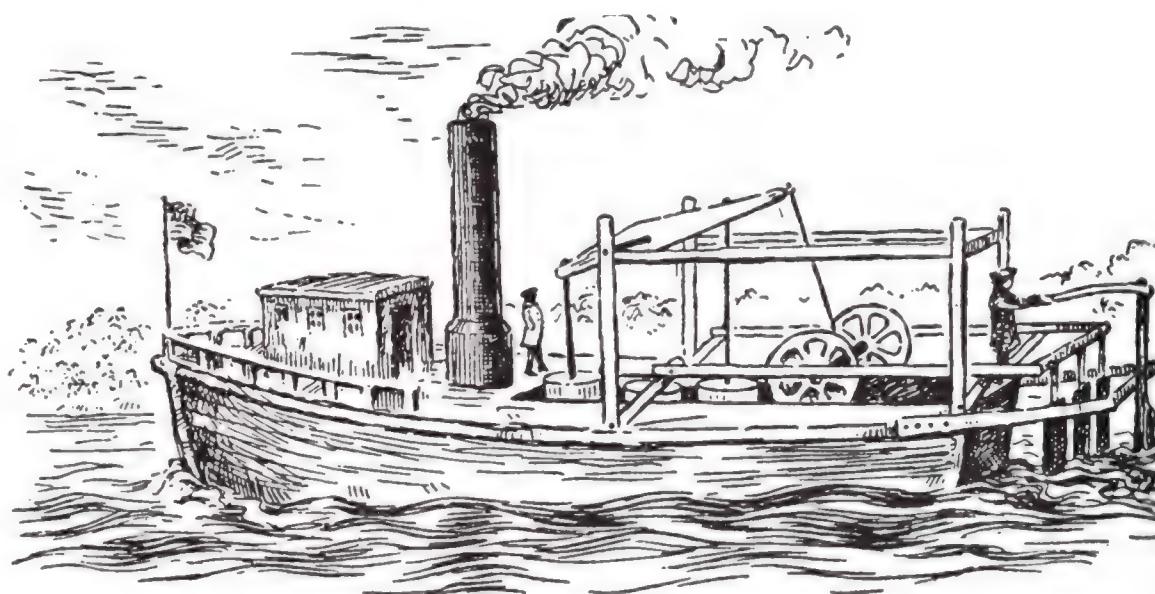
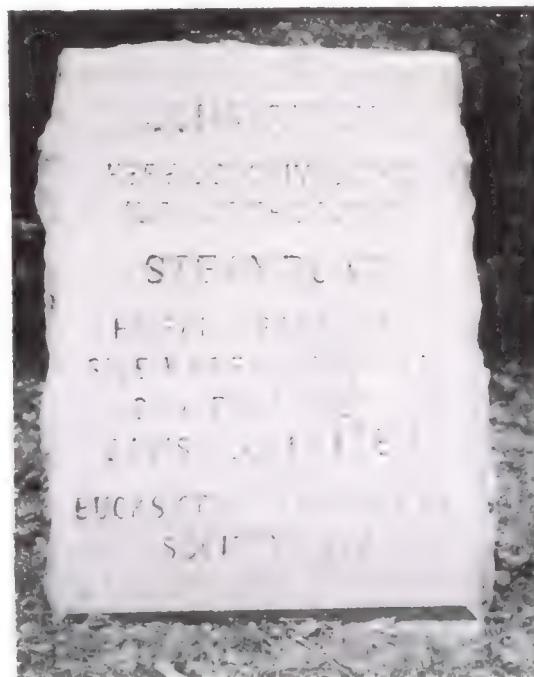
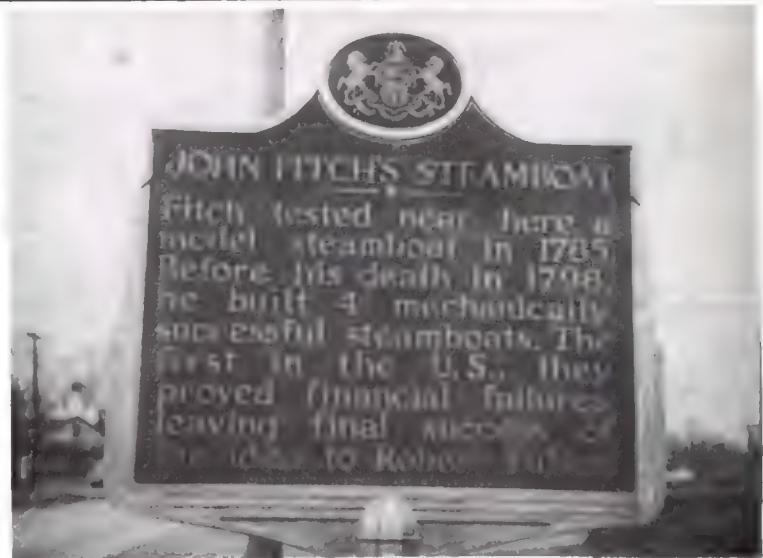
means of transferring the steam power into an active propulsive force.

There were many around Warminster in those days who were glad to lend a hand towards the finish of that first model: Cobe Scout who let me use his log shop for its construction; John Longstreth who graciously allowed the model to be tested in a stream on his farm, about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Davisville, in Southampton Twp.; Nathaniel B. Boileau who built the paddle wheel during a vacation from his studies at Princeton College (Lord, but what a lark that was for him), and many others. That first model had all brass machinery. Tests indicated that the buckets on the paddle wheels labored too much because they had to enter and leave the water at a considerable angle. This caused a great loss of power when they struck the surface and again when they had to lift themselves against the weight of the water. I found it impossible to redesign the paddle angle as the machinery did not give enough power to overcome these bad effects. I finally substituted a continuous chain, with paddles affixed to it.

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Two historical markers in Bucks County still commemorate the memory of John Fitch. At Davisville (top right) and in Johnsville (right).

Panorama staff photos



JOHN FITCH'S PASSENGER STEAMBOAT ON THE DELAWARE RIVER

PLAIN and FANCY COOKING

PLAIN and FANCY TALK

Harriet Fox, Woman's Page Editor

HOME NURSING CARE

Home nursing care is a service which can be given to all of Bucks County residents now when there is a need in the home.

There are certain areas in Bucks County where there has always been a visiting nurse

service available to the residents, on a fee-for-service basis. Now the Bucks County Department of Health through its nursing division is extending this service to all areas of Bucks County.

It is important for families to realize that a visiting nurse

or the public health nurse giving nursing care in the home is only supplementary to the twenty-four hour attention given by the family members. Home nursing care will help you to give better care to the ill person in your home. Instructions and assistance from the public health nurse will help the family give this care much more rapidly and more effectively.

The Bucks County Department of Health nurses cannot give nursing care in a home beyond the first visit without the orders of a doctor. A doctor must be in charge of the patient. The public health nurse can demonstrate the procedures the doctor orders. The professional nurses service on an hourly basis cannot meet all the nursing needs the patient. During most of every day someone in the family must take over his care.

If you need assistance in the home nursing care situation, please feel free to call the Bucks County Department of Health at any of the three offices: Doylestown, 50 N. Main St., Fillmore 8-2671, and Quakertown, 143 S. 11th St., Keystone 6-6500.



Cream pies, those culinary works of art that formerly required years of experience to make, have become favorite desserts for beginner cooks to prepare. By using a pudding and pie filling mix and simplified recipes such as this for Banana Delight Coconut Pie, the most inexperienced cook can produce a beautiful, tasteful cream pie, and it is literally a matter of minutes until it is ready to serve.

Banana Delight Coconut Pie

1 package Jell-O Vanilla Pudding and Pie Filling	1 cup sliced bananas (2 bananas)
2 cups milk	Cinnamon
1 baked 8-inch Quick Coconut Crust	1/2 cup whipping cream
	1 teaspoon sugar

Prepare pie filling mix according to directions on package, cooling once or twice.

Pour half of pie filling into coconut crust. Cover with layer of sliced bananas. Add remaining pie filling. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Chill. Just before serving, whip cream, sweeten with sugar, and spread over top of pie.

Quick Coconut Crust: Combine 1/4 cup melted butter and 2 cups Baker's Angel Flake Coconut. Press evenly into an ungreased 8-inch pie pan. Bake in slow oven (300° F.) for 30 to 35 minutes, or until golden brown. Cool.



SHIP AHOY—Authentic Navy buttoning gives a nautical look to swabby blue shorts coordinated with trim sailing top. They're smartly styled in Pepperell's denim chambray for easy care.

time to be enthusiastic about apples. This is surely an "apple year," if ever there were one. The nation's orchards have yielded a spectacular crop — some 125-1/2 million bushels have been harvested. According to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, this is 16 percent more than last year and 12 percent above average.

Both old and new experiences in apple eating appear much in order, so go to it with a will. Enjoy your long known favorite varieties and try some lesser knowns, since every variety is abundant. An assortment in the fruit bowl will appeal to

WORTHY OF LEGENDS

Who can doubt that apples possess a certain indefinable quality that inspires to legends and myths, to paeans of praise, and to all sorts of flights of fancy? From days of old a symbol of temptation, of knowledge, of eternal youth, and even of immortality, this delicious fruit calls for enthusiasm — and gets it.

You couldn't pick a better

different tastes. Also, apple preparations may stretch through every course of the meal, from appetizer through dessert, and different varieties may be used for each.

Choose your apples well for greatest eating satisfaction. Firm, crisp, bright, clean, well-colored fruit with good flavor are most desirable. Tart, firm apples are generally best liked for cooking; sweeter fruit, for eating raw. For dessert use, medium-size apples with good color for the variety are usually the most appealing.

With apples featured at many markets, homemakers may want to buy in quantity. They have good keeping qualities and it may be well worth your while to get a large enough supply to keep for an extended time.

Before storing your apples, sort them to remove those with bruises and skin breaks. Use these promptly. Those to be used within a few days or a week or two, should be kept in the refrigerator—preferably in the vegetable drawer or in a plastic bag, if they're to remain crisp and fresh and at their peak of quality.

As for the apples you plan to

It's Egg Month

That March should be termed Egg Month is particularly fitting this year, when eggs are in exceptionally bountiful supply. Egg laying has been trending seasonally upward for some weeks past at a rate averaging about 2 percent higher than a year ago and 3 percent above average.

keep for longer periods, these should be put in a bushel basket or other ventilated container and stored in a well-ventilated, fairly humid area where the temperature remains fairly constant and cool, but not below freezing. A cellar or sheltered back porch are ideal. Your apples should keep well for up to three months.

For an impressive holiday dessert, try this attractive and delectable Applesauce Bavarian Cream.

1 tablespoon gelatin
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cold water
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup applesauce
2 tablespoons lemon juice
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon grated lemon rind
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon each cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup heavy cream, whipped
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup crushed ginger snaps

Sprinkle gelatin on water and soak for a few minutes. Heat applesauce, lemon juice, and lemon rind with half the sugar. Dissolve gelatin in hot applesauce. Add spices. Chill until partly set. Add salt to egg white and beat until stiff. Add rest of sugar slowly, beating until glossy. Fold egg white mixture, cream, and half of the

crumbs into gelatin mixture. Pour into mold. Chill until firm. Before serving, sprinkle with the rest of the crumbs. Makes four servings.

Unclouded Sight

To look at every man and see
The Spark of God within,
No matter what his circum-
stance,
His virtue, or his sin.
To see in every man the Spark
Of God that's always there,
No matter what his genesis,
To see but not compare
The differences, but sem-
blances
Between each man and me,
And remember that the Spark
Divine
Is our similarity.
Julia Brashears Sharps

Dear Sir:

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—Elsie M. Connard
Doylestown

Don't drive as if you own the
road—drive as if you own the
car.

POETRY CORNER

March Wind

A foreground glorifield with
spires, Yellow gray and
chalky white;
The middle distance buff and
gray, Murky with a misty
light;
The farther hills a darker gray;
Inky clouds of gust-wind
high;

Then, perfect touch for human
warmth,
Two silver doves across the
sky!

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Rambling with RUSS by A. Russell Thomas

SAINT PATRICK'S Day is celebrated this month by our many Irish friends. On this day the Irish people throughout the world honor their great national saint. At the age of 106 years, St. Patrick died on March 17, 493 A. D., at Saul, County Down, and was buried at the Chieftain's Fort, about two miles from town. Bishops, priests and laymen gathered from all parts of Ireland around the burial place of their beloved leader.

ALTHOUGH THE Doylestown Maennerchor Society, born July 1, 1884, at the Clear Spring Hotel, North Main St., Doylestown, was of German origin, founded as a singing society, for the purpose of keeping alive old German songs and good music, the fraternity has many Irish members today. For some years, the Maennerchor birthdays were celebrated on St. Patrick's Day. This is the Maennerchor's 78th birthday year.

THE ST. PATRICK'S season, 35 years ago, was an eventful one for Doylestown in sports. A March 29 (1927) headline that I wrote for a local daily, read: "Greatest Basketball Team The High School Ever Had, Honored At Festive Dinner." This was a team composed of "Hennessy-Richar-Waddington-Carter-Hoffman-Beans," a combination that was TOPS. I recall vividly how Doylestown High, on St. Patrick's Day that year, defeated Pottstown High, 36 to 35, on the Thomas Stewart High School floor at Norristown—to the delight of Coach Bill Wolfe and his associates. Pottstown was a team that had scored over 1,000 points that season as champions of the Eastern Pennsylvania Interscholastic Basketball League. After defeating Pottstown, Coach Wolfe's proteges nosed out the great Hazleton team, 40 to 39, to earn the right to meet Summit Hill High for the state crown, at Bethlehem. Doylestown cracked under the strain to an inferior team in that final game, and Summit Hill won, 23 to 22. However the 1927 DHS team broke the scoring record held by the "Stultz-Hodgins-Martin-Gulick-Rufe" combination of 1922. The 1927 team scored 890 points to their opponents' 590. The 1922 combination registered 806 points.

POTPOURRI: Turning back some old note-book pages of a news beat of 35 years ago, I was reminded that in March of 1927, District Attorney Arthur M. Eastburn and Dr. John J. Sweeney, coroner of Bucks county, attended an inquest in South Langhorne in the murder case of Sheriff Abram L. Kulp and Mrs. Helen Oakley Ricker, when the coroner's jury found that "the victims came to their death as the result of revolver wounds inflicted by Ernest Ricker" . . . The third annual banquet of Mizpah Commandery No. 96, Knights Templar was held at the Doylestown Masonic Hall, when the late State Senator Edward B. Watson was elected eminent commander . . . A Doylestown High spelling team finished 7th in a field of 47 teams in a contest at Peirce Business College in Philadelphia, with Dorothy Driver, Elsie Lerch, Florence West, Martha

Swartley and William (Bill) Mason competing for D-town . . . Musselman's Store on Doylestown's Main street celebrated its 30th anniversary . . . Doylestown was virtually "kicked out" of the Montgomery County Baseball League because the town had no community athletic field . . . George H. Miller, Doylestown banker and president of Borough Council died of a heart attack at his office in the Bucks County Trust Company (March 24, 1947).

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'Meet me at The Inn'

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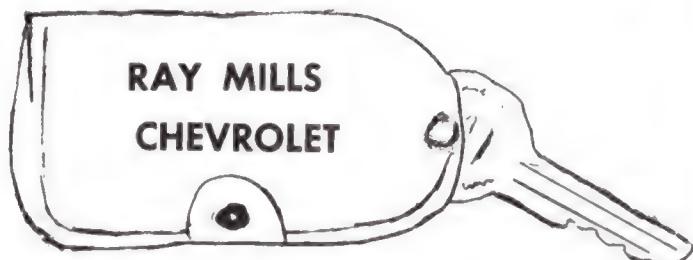
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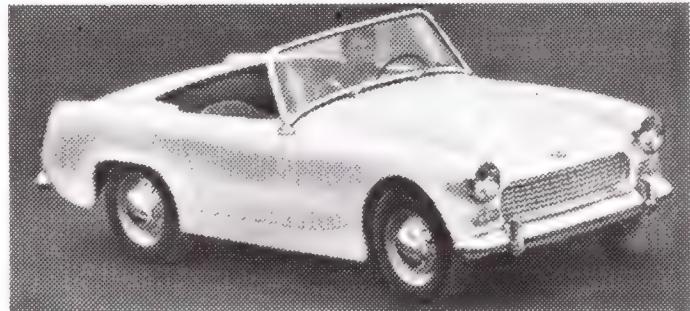
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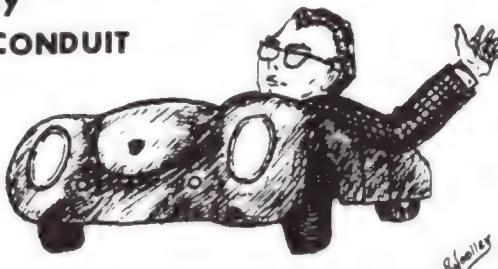
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Sports Cars

Racing Motors

by

ROGER CONDUIT

**HOW TO HAVE FUN AND HATE IT! or
THE SECRET OF \$UCCE\$\$!**

Once upon a time, not too long ago, there lived two young men in a community near a river. To add to the continuity of this tale, we will call these men Joe and Mike.

Joe and Mike, being progressive thinkers but not knowing each other yet, decided to buy one of the imported foreign sports cars that were becoming popular. Soon after each had bought their gem, they had chance to meet at a traffic light and having nothing better to do, pulled off to the side of the road to talk and compare their cars.

In the course of the conversation, they remarked about the number of sports cars in the area and what fun they might have if they could get the owners together at one time. So they began to contact others and soon the group of two became a group of ten. They had meetings, planned events, held parties, and went places together.

As time went on, others in the area saw how much this group was enjoying themselves and wanted to join them. They did and a club was formed. After all, they all had something in common and what better reason to get together to have a good time.

Consequently the club grew . . . twenty became forty . . . forty became eighty . . . and the fellowship that Joe and Mike had begun a few years back began to wane. No longer did the group do things just for the enjoyment of doing them, but rather for the money that could be made. After all, didn't the treasury have to get larger and larger and larger . . . and . . . larger . . .

The question of the day became, "If we do it, what will we get out of it?"

Joe and Mike still had a say but there were many times when their idealistic thoughts fell on deaf ears. After all, what did these two "characters" know about how a club should be run, or what a club should strive for. Things had changed through the years . . . This was no longer a social organization . . . This was a business . . . (To be continued ?)

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This story is probably far fetched, and its ending probably never written. But, how many of the independent clubs in the area does it apply to? And this leads to another thought . . .

There is no doubt that the local sports car club is a purly social organization. However, this does not mean they can not serve the community. In fact, don't they have a debt to pay to the community? How could they survive if they did not use the roads and other facilities that the community maintains?

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This month I really goofed. I got so wrapped up in collecting material for the "Route 32" story, in this issue, that I completely lost track of time. Now here it is at deadline and I haven't been down to WALLER MOTORS to test the 1600 MGA Mark II. It will be done next month without fail, I promise. . . Now, let's take a look around. . . The first event at Vineland will be March 17 and 18 when SCCA has a drivers school. This will be in preparation for their Divisional Championship races on April 7 and 8. . . PAUL ELY is hosting a EPSCC rally on March 25. Starts at SMITTY'S in Quakertown at 1:30 P.M. . . DON FOX is putting the finishing touches to BUCKINGHAM'S "SPRING FLING", scheduled for April 15. . . JOHN POWERS, Dean at Neshaminy's Second Annual Rally School. . . BILL and JANET WOOSNAM feted on first wedding anniversary by LBSCC . . . DENNY KOELMAL and SALLY ANN KIRK to merge on April 14. They claim they will make the "Spring Fling" on the 15th, but I'll give odds. . . WARHAMPTON has the SPRINGTOWN HILL CLIMB scheduled for April 14 and 15, appears to be a slight conflict with the "Spring Fling". . . See you all next month with the MGA Mark II road test—Roger.

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IT WAS ALSO 35 years ago this month that the minimum marriageable age in Pennsylvania was established at 16 years, when Governor Fisher approved the bill . . . Under common law in those days, the legal age had been 12 for girls and 14 for boys . . . Five-hundred persons crowded the auditorium of Doylestown High School to see the senior class play, "Clarence" . . . The hit of the show happened to be Miss Martha Anders as "Cora Wheeler", well supported by Alwood Sickel as "Bobby Wheeler" . . . Other members of the cast included Weldon Mann, Harry Kates, Dot Driver, Florence Leatherman, Margaret Bunting, Lucile Nash, Freeman Snyder and Roy Shaddinger . . . A \$5,000 fire destroyed a large barn on the Joseph Bishop farm in Plumstead Township . . . John Leslie Kilcoyne, Bristol attorney, was appointed assistant counsel to the Prohibition Administration for the Philadelphia District . . . Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wodock (Doylestown), announced the birth of a son at the Abington Memorial Hospital . . . The Rev. George M. Whitenack, Presbyterian clergyman, announced that he was resigning his Doylestown pastorate . . . Twenty-four Doylestown High home economics students were hostesses at a St. Patrick's dinner in the High gymnasium with Dr. Carmon Ross as toastmaster . . . Other speakers were Rev. Charles F. Freeman, George S. Hotchkiss, William H. Satterthwaite, Jr., William (Bill) Wolfe, Lloyd Jones and Miss Ella Dewees.

HEARD ON The Street: This department agrees with many others, that Acting Chief of Police Kenneth R. (Ken) Tutt, has all the qualifications to become the CHIEF of Doylestown's police department right now . . . Congratulations to Doylestown Borough Council president John F. Mason, for signing his name to a letter to a local publication concerning a complaint some sour-puss made about a recent meeting of the Union Horse Company, one of the most enjoyable events I have ever attended . . . Former Doylestown baker, Harris (Honus) Wagner, writes from St. Petersburg, Florida (143 1/2 15th Ave., North), that he was glad to get back down south, away from "the cold and mud" of Pennsylvania . . . Personally I think we have had a fairly comfortable Winter . . . "Honus" also informs me that he called on Sammy Samuels (former coach at National Aggies), and that he (Sammy) is still in the dry-cleaning business.

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ODDS AND ENDS: Met many new friends and renewed some old acquaintances at the 40th annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors at the Ben Franklin Hotel recently where we handled the publicity for the four-day meeting . . . The country's outstanding authority on township government, H. A. (Cappy) Thomson, of Paoli, who retired this year after 40 years of service with the supervisors, was highly honored by the 750 officials attending the convention . . . March is a great month for the Irish, for in addition to St. Patrick, we have "the two Johnies," Welsh and Mulligan, whose political future seems to be at stake . . . During the supervisors' convention banquet, I had a minute to talk with Pennsylvania's Governor Lawrence, who was a speaker . . . I asked him what he thought of the current "distress" in the Democrat Party in Bucks county but he wisely remained neutral, other than to clearly indicate that he admired the ability of former County Commissioner John T. Welsh, and then reminded this scribe, "that your party is having a few headaches too."

AN EXCELLENT Record: With elections ahead, it seems to be the unanimous opinion of both Republicans and Democrats alike in the Bucks-Lehigh District, that we have a Representative in Congress whom it would be very unwise to replace. So far as this observer knows, and I have been around for some time, the District has never had more efficient representation than that provided by Congressman Willard S.

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REMEMBER WHEN



This distinguished looking group was photographed in 1904 on the steps of the Court House. In the photograph are: 1) Judge Mahlon Stout; 2) J. R. Freed, attorney; 3) Irvin James, attorney; 4) Asher Anders, attorney; 5) Elmer E. Funk, Chief Clerk; 6) Tobias Crouthamel, attorney; 7) Edwin Kiser, County Commissioner; 8) Oscar Bigley. Others in the photo are unknown. (Photo courtesy Mrs. E. M. Funk)

JOHN FITCH

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The next two years were filled with failure after failure, as I built my first full-size boat. At last, in 1787, I was ready to make my first run.

That initial boat that Washington was too disinterested to watch was 45' long and had a 12' beam. And that engine, what a wonderful work that was, had a full 12" cylinder. She was a beauty. Could do 8 miles per hour, and made many a trip from Philadelphia to Burlington, Chester, and Wilmington.

During the next three years I constructed several larger ships. One ran between Trenton and Philadelphia in the summer of 1790.

I should have been rich and famous. I got there first with an idea that was converted into a useful product, yet I could get no financial support. What was

wrong with the country? Where were all those far-seeing astute businessmen it was said inhabited this great, new land of ours? I don't know. A million times I ask these questions, but I'll never know.

In 1793, my financial state drove me to France to search for support. Unfortunately they were in the throes of revolution and I was forced to return with naught but the clothes on my back.

So here I am. Sitting next to a horse rack in Bardstown, Kentucky, a pauper, with no where to go and no one left to turn to in my need. Where do I go? What do I do? Am I to end like this?

John Fitch; sailor, clock-maker, brassfounder, silversmith, gunsmith, army officer, steamboat inventor, and one-time resident of Bucks County, committed suicide in Bardstown, Ky., in 1798.

—David W. Leventhal

LETTERS

Dear Sir:

WHAT HAPPENED TO GEORGE WASHINGTON? I didn't find him in this edition of Panorama (Feb.). This surprised me because of his part in history made in this county.

Mrs. F. L. Kirkpatrick
Hatboro

Ed. Note—Panorama is always full of surprises. In past issues of Panorama we have featured a great deal about "George," and more is to come.

PANORAMA:

May I express my deepest gratitude for your kindness. You certainly are nice to me. Here is good luck to Panorama and may you grow and grow.

Mrs. George Slotter
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Ed. Note—Mrs. Slotter's nice letter concerns the February woman's page article on her hobby of needlepoint.

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Curtin, of Morrisville. I believe that it is not yet time to make "a theatrical race" out of the congressional campaign, no matter how well-qualified the candidates may be.

FROM THE Bulletin of the Hunterdon League of Women Voters (N. J.) via Gordon Cooper's "New Hope News", we pass this along to PANORAMA readers, as Gordon did to his readers:

"Give us, Lord, a bit o'sun,
A bit o'work and a bit o'fun;
Give us all the struggle and sputter,
Our daily bread and a bit o'butter;
Give us health, our keep to make,
And a bit to spare for others' sake;
Give us, too, a bit o'song,
And a tale, a book to help us along;
Give us, Lord, a chance to be
Our goodly best for ourselves and others
Till all men learn to live as brothers."

(From An Ancient English Prayer)



If we had our lives to live over, we would probably make the same mistakes — but wouldn't it be nice to start making them sooner?

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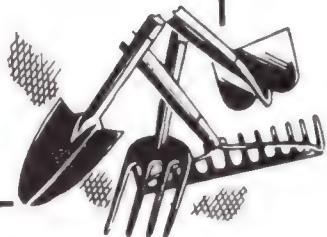
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A FINE GENTLEMAN: Retiring Montgomery County President Judge William F. Dannehower, who has sentenced six men to the electric chair during nearly 28 years on the Montgomery County Bench, has disclosed for the first time that he favors abolition of the death penalty. At the age of 71, Judge Dannehower, who has held court in Bucks County on numerous occasions, in the past, declared "capital punishment does not deter crime. More important, it is against religion and Christianity to take the life of a human being, legally and otherwise. I know it must be done, the law said so. But I could not help but feel that I was having a hand in legal murder."

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and out of the west
The sun in its chariot
had gone to its rest,
And all nature breathed
the roads end is best.
The young are rushing,
too hurried to see
The beauty of God's
Creativity.
But we who are older
are geared to the pace,
Can see all life's colors
and watch them all blend,
As we gaze o'er the valley
At the roads end.

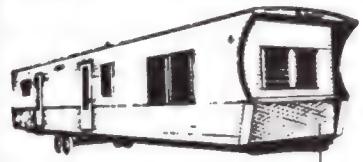
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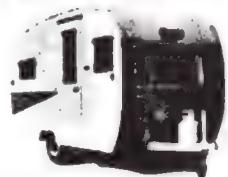
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ROUTE 32—RIVERSIDE OR SUICIDE

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pare the costs of repairing the automobiles involved with the costs of maintaining the highway.

Is there a solution to this problem? Yes, and herein lies probably the biggest obstacle to getting the road repaired. The reason being that there are two different view points on how the work should be done.

Solution #1

In compiling this article, I wrote directly to Park H. Martin, Secretary of Highways, and requested a brief outline of the State's position in the matter. I received an answer from Mr. Martin which did this in detail. Because of the length of the letter, it is impossible to print it in its entirety. However, here are several excerpts which exemplify the opinions of Mr. Martin and the State Highway Department.

"The matter of funds for the improvement of State Highway 32 has not been the deterring factor for the improvement of this road."

"I have personally examined this highway twice and am satisfied that a modern two-lane highway cannot be constructed here without some encroachment either on the canal slope or into the hillside. . . . Where it borders the canal, the shoulder, or berm in many cases is not over 1½ feet wide and is so narrow that the barrier fence cannot be maintained in good condition. The shoulder, or berm, against the hillside is very narrow, making it difficult to maintain under present conditions. I have continually instructed our district engineer to keep this road in as safe a condition as possible under these restrictive conditions."

"There have been no plans made for an overall improvement to this highway. . . . On June 24, 1961, I received a letter from Mr. Clark (Hal Clark, Pres. DVPA) advising me that a sub-committee of the Delaware Valley Protective Association was making a study to see what suggestions they could make that would permit the reconstruction of the highway. . . . If satisfactory understanding can be reached as to what The Department of Highways may do to improve this highway to an adequate

width, with adequate shoulders, this department is ready to proceed with preparation of plans."

"Finally, that this Department particularly myself, are interested in preserving, where at all possible, historical landmarks and natural beauty, but in this instance if we are to have a modern two lane highway for T. R. 32, something is going to have to give" . . . Park H. Martin

Briefly summarizing, this indicates that the State Highway Department is prepared to reconstruct River Road into a modern two lane highway as soon as public resistance is removed.

Solution #2

The public resistance re-

ferred to in Mr. Martin's letter is being given primarily by the Delaware Valley Protective Association. This group, consisting of 2200 members, is concerned with maintaining the natural beauty and historical landmarks of the Delaware Valley. Consequently, this writer met with Mr. Hal Clark, president of the DVPA in order to find out the reason for the group's opposition to the State's plans.

Mr. Clark stated that the group definitely felt that an improvement of River Road was not only necessary, but vital! He further concurred that the present condition of the road is extremely hazardous.

However, he also felt that the State's plans did not meet with general public feelings

concerning the wealth of natural beauty existing along the road. Accordingly, he felt these plans for a modern two lane highway would generally devastate most of the natural scenic attraction of the road by either cutting to deeply into the hillside or by filling in a major portion of the Delaware Canal. He stated that his association would not let this happen! Mr. Clark advised this writer that a sub-committee of the Association has come up with a plan that would allow widening and repaving, and will generally make River Road safer. Above all while the plan does call for some encroachment into the hillside, it also preserves the scenic beauty of the drive. This is in accordance with the

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by Bob Brugger

The man behind the cocktail bar was extremely friendly. Yes, we had a lovely room. Yes, we had been in the pool. No, unfortunately, we could only stay for one night. Shame, he said, there's lotsa things to see around here. Had we heard about New Hope and the Music Circus and Washington's Crossing . . . the place where Washington, *George Washington*, crossed the Delaware? Yes, we said, but, alas, we did have to leave in the morning. Where you from, he asked. Near Doylestown, we said. That's funny, he said, would we believe it there's a Doylestown here in Pennsylvania . . . right up the road! Yes, we would believe it, we said. We live there. He was obviously shaken but, then, I guess they don't get a lot of natives vacationing at the Howard Johnson Motel in Willow Grove.

When Pat and I *really* want to get away in the summer we head for the nearest air-conditioned motel with a pool. We have long since learned that "*getting there is half the headache*" and having been drenched by warm rain on a barren ski slope, Christmas at Lake Placid, and having almost perished in sub-freezing temperatures in Florida, we have sensibly planned our recent vacations to assure a minimum of disappointment.

On our last trip to Florida (36 payments ago) we spent an unusual night on Route 301, Nowhere, North Carolina, inspecting tobacco plantations on foot in an effort to find a wrench to replace the fan-belt that we lost if we could find a fan-belt. Out-of-state garages are always somewhere else, they never open until 8 the next morning and they always have to send in to Rocky Mount for the part you need. Next time we go to Florida, we're going to Rocky Mount, instead. The dickens with the palm trees, Rocky Mount's got parts!

Take cats. We left a mother with six kittens at the vet's during that vacation. Aside from the expense of such babysitting, we are convinced that we did not get our *own* six kittens back, a fact more than substantiated by their old lady who walked out on the whole kit and kaboodle ten mintutes after we brought them home. Presumably, she, too, headed for Rocky Mount.

A vacation at the Colonial Village Motel in Danboro or the New Hope Motel eliminates the problem of boarding out animals and relatives or, worse yet, having the neighbors look in on them. (No neighbor ever just looked in . . . they look in *all over!*) From Danboro, you just come home, feed the tribe, and go back to the pool. If you think you left the kitchen tap running, it's only fifteen minutes from New Hope to find out. If you decide to live it up in style, your wife doesn't look for an expensive shop down the boardwalk . . . you drive her home and she (not always happily) slips into last year's evening gown. You are not bothered with cameras, traveller's cheques, road maps, Mothersill's pills or fellow-travellers who look at your license plate and want to know if you know their sister-in-law who lives in Pennsylvania, too . . . sixteen miles south of Erie . . . that's near Philly, isn't it?

There is no way home from anywhere fast enough to beat the post cards you forget to mail until the last day. And that's another reason for staying home. I have only received one truly original post card in my life and it came from Doylestown. It said, "*Greetings: You have been classified I-A*". I have not read a post card since and I would have saved the government a lot of money if I had ignored that one. As far as writing post cards is concerned, I can think of no way more thoroughly guaranteed to ruin a vacation. We completely missed Virginia

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Beach one Saturday sending post cards home about it. By the time we had finished writing "wish you were here" the tide came in and it wasn't.

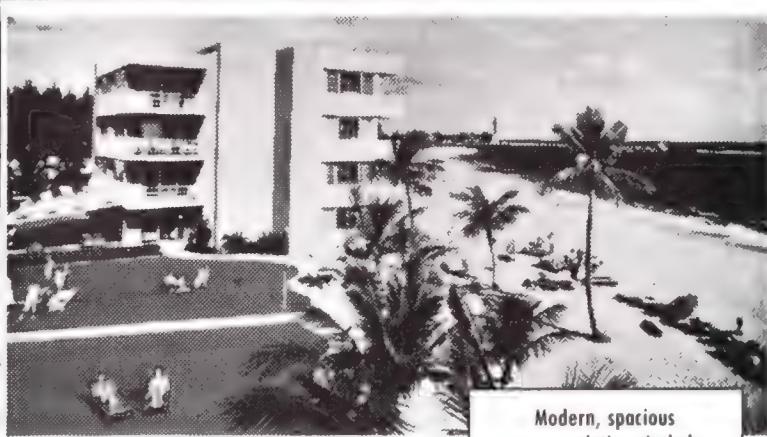
It is only March and already Bucks Countians are planning summer vacations *out* of this beautiful county! I used to wonder why they did it. Now I know. They leave in self-defense, not because they want to, but because they *have* to take pictures. They have to take pictures because their friends have already taken pictures and, believe me, it can be a long, hard winter if you don't have equal footage on the home-screen. A new organization has solved this problem. A professional photographer comes to your home and he takes a variety of pictures of you and the little woman in your backyard. Through a patented process these snapshots are super-imposed on background photographs of the Swiss Alps, the Grand Canyon and the Los Angeles Freeway. Without ever leaving home, you can get an unforgettable shot of your wife waving to you across the Berlin Wall. For an extra ten bucks, you can get the *wife and Jack Paar* waving to you across the Berlin Wall!

Bon Voyage! And don't forget to write.

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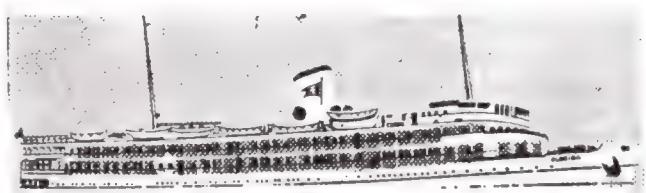
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ROUTE 32—RIVERSIDE OR SUICIDE

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Master Plan of the Bucks County Planning Commission, which has designated the area along the Delaware River (including River Road, the Delaware Canal and Washington Crossing Park) as Delaware Valley Park.

It is hard to say who will be the victor in this battle of

solutions. Will the State win out and construct a modern two lane "Delaware Park Expressway", or will the DVPA hold fast on its demands for a scenic drive?

As it stands now, the only thing that is certain is that the automotive public is the loser. They must continue to use a road that has been proven unsafe for travel by its high accident rate.

Therefore, it is high time for

the River Road users to act, and do so in a conclusive manner. What can we do?

First of all, he can absolutely refuse to use River Road. It is true that by doing that this, he would not be able to enjoy the scenic benefits, but he would also not be endangering the life of himself, his family and his automobile. It would not take long for the officials to realize that something must be done to put this roadway in a condition that would be useable.

Secondly, he can write to the people responsible and *demand* that something be done. The publishers of PANORAMA feel so strongly about the situation, that they have offered their services as a clearing house for this mail. Therefore all you need do is send your letter to Panorama Magazine, Doylestown, Bucks County, Pa. They will see to it that the right parties receive your mail.

That's all there is to it. There is not a public official that ignores (or can afford to ignore) mail from the public. There is not a River Road businessman that would not ignore a decrease in traffic past his front door. There is no doubt that sooner or later something will be done to make "Nightmare Alley" safe to drive. It is now up to the automotive public to make sure that this is done with no further delay!

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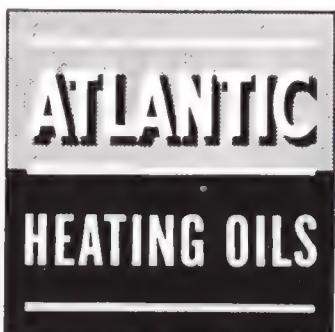
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An Editor Reminices

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A grip academic is on in our school. Gladys George, Samuel Sanders and Grace Grow are again out, but some others missed a few days while a large number are absent longer. Mary Woods are among the cold patients.

Mrs. Weiser who buried her husband a few months ago has married again. Her new name now is Mrs. Bookbinder who thinks she has done well in her second marriage as she was all alone and is quite young yet. She thought she had better take the opportunity when offered as her second husband seems to be a hard working honest man and was a widower who needed a wife. We wish her well in her new venture.

Harry Haskins while doing his feeding in the barn stepped into a nail. It went a half inch into his foot Saturday evening and is quite painful.

Jacob Johnson who got suddenly sick Sunday in church is again alright. The doctor said it must of come from the heat.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore Gulliver and two girls expect to move into the old Harte property by Monday. The husband and a married son who lives in Allentown are improving inside and out and expect to be ready by that time for the family to move in. We think they will be very nice desirable neighbors and we hope we will please them the same.

While coming back from Allentown one afternoon Sam Slack's machine was so badly hit by a truck that it went upside-down in a ditch and the truck went on and left the man be. Others came to help him out and took him home; his machine is badly battered and so is he.

While at school Naomi Smith tore a cartridge out of her knee which is very painful.

Isaac Johnson lost his dog by death. He is missed very much. About a week before Clarence Carlson lost his too. They complained about the same way before they went dead.

There was no accident here this week but someone was driving the road up and down blowin the horn all the time at 4 in the morning and waked up all the people who thought there was a accident or a fire or something, but it wasn't. Anyhow it scart the people that heard it and it could of been serious, but I don't know what it was.

Mr. Blank's horse fell over in the plow and died.

The apartment being made of the barn in the rear of the store is being pushed and is looking like a house for Mr. Bley to move in.

Wilbur Brown who is sick is not so well and he can't eat no more.

Mrs. Carrie Carter is not so well, she got so much pain in her foot.

The theme of the sermon next Sunday in the Reformed Church will be the Gift of Purity in the morning and Lead Us Not Into Temptation in the afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Jones is nursing a sore leg which she got from a fall, and the Dr. said it was Peristum of the Bone.

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(Here endeth the reading of another edition of "How news would appear in print if it were not edited.")



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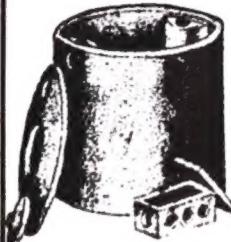
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